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OF THE

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" JOHN S. PETTY,
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ABSTRACT OF THE DAILY JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY,

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1869.

The Holston Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Jonesboro', upper East Tennessee, at 9 o'clock, A.M., Bishop M. Simpson presiding. The Bishop conducted the opening religious services by reading the 62d chapter of Isiah and singing the 571st Hymn.

The Seeretary of the last Conference called the roll, and forty-eight members answered to their names.

On motion, Rev. John F. Spence was re-elected Secretary of the Conference, and J. J. Manker, John S. Petty and J. N. S. Huffaker, Assistants.

On motion of J. F. Spence, a Nominating Committee was appointed, with instructions to retire and report as soon as practicable.

An order on chartered fund was granted the Conference.

The business hours of the Conference were fixed between 8½ A.M., and 12 M.

Rev. Dr. Walden, of the Western Book Rooms, Rev. D. B. Lawton and J. M. Mason were introduced to the Conference.

Rev. R. D. Black was appointed Conference Reporter.

The President took up the seventh question, and G. A. Gowan, A. F. English, M. H. B. Burkett and R. D. Black were severally passed and relation continued.

J. F. Spence was made effective.

8th QUESTION. *Who are the Superanuates?*

ANSWER. R. H. Guthrie, W. H. H. Duggin, John Leach, A. F. Shannon and John Alley were passed and relation continued.

Rev. James Cumming died during the year—faithful in life, triumphant in death.

The relation of T. P. Rutherford changed to that of supernumerary without appointment.

The Nominating Committee made their report, which was adopted as a whole.

On motion of Dr. Cobleigh, a committee of one from each District was appointed to consider the propriety of forming a Conference Educational Society.

QUESTION. *Who are the Effective Elders?*

ANSWER. Thos. H. Pearne, J. W. Mann, T. A. Russell, R. O. Ayres, P. H. Reed, G. W. Coleman, W. H. Rogers, W. C. Graves, R. W. Patty, Wm. Kinsland, J. B. Little, L. F. Drake, B. F. Wells, J. N. S. Huffaker, Joseph Milburn, Isaac Fortner, F. M. Fanning, J. F. Woodfin, W. R. Long, J. A. Hyden, J. Forrester, S. W. Hyden, N. E. Cobleigh, W. C. Daily, J. L. Mann and E. Still, were severally called and passed.

Rev. A. J. Greer was superannuated at his own request.

A collection amounting to six dollars was taken, and the Secretary authorized to purchase with it a Conference trunk.

11th QTESTION. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*

ANSWER. Knoxville was selected.

Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow at 8½ A.M.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 8, 1869.

The session was opened with the usual religious exercises conducted by R. W. Patty.

The Minutes of previous ssssion read and approved.

Rev. R. N. Guthrie was appointed a Committes on Postoffices.

Rev. J. Hyden, E. E. Hoss and J. Farly, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, were introduced to the Conference.

2d QUESTION. *Who remain on trial?*

ANSWER. W. H. Nichols, Rufus M. Witt, Thomas W. Brown, George Julian, John H. Jennings, John C. Tate, Jeremiah Gudger, Thomas Dewitt, Samuel Patterson, Harrison Huston and Reuben Wallace. A. B. Wright, Charles K. Mays, T. W. Atkins and J. G. Trull, not being before the Examining Committee, were simply continued.

James H. McGriff, Spencer Henry, James D. Lawson and Wesley Harkins were examined and passed.

Bramwell D. Redwine, Daniel Richardson, J. W. Adams and Samuel Richardson were recognized as transferred to the Virginia Conference.

John S. Petty, J. A. Ruble, Lemuel Bogart, and J. J. Manker, of the third year, having been before the Committee, were passed and advanced.

Thomas S. Walker, J. P. Milburn, W. P. Jackson, Daniel Carter and J. B. Fitzgerald having passed examination on the prescribed course. were elected to Elders orders.

J. W. Peace, J. H. Stamper, John H. Moore, T. R. West and P. L. Chambers, not being examined on course of study, were simply passed.

P. L. Chambers was located at his own request.

J. N. Baker, John R. Hughes, Samuel Greear, James M. Durham and H. H. Burke were received into full connection.

The members of the Conference solemnly joined in the communion of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

On motion, the Conference proceeded to take the vote on the change of the restrictive rule—voting ayes and nayes—with the following result, viz: fifty-two for the change; none against.

The Presiding Elders presented the vote of the membership in the several districts. Total number of votes cast, 4,207. For Lay Delegation, 3,785; against, 422.

Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1869.

Conference assembled at 8½ o'clock, A.M.

The religious services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Daily.

Journal read and approved.

The following were recommended and elected to Local Deacons orders, viz: James H. McGriff, J. D. Brooks, Thomas Caton, Robert Morrison, Andrew F. Coin, Washington Harrison and James Jory.

Thomas J. Dawson and James D. Lawson were elected to Local Elders orders.

Isaac N. Knox was discontinued by order of the Conference.

Rev. Mr. Wiley, Agent of the American Bible Society, Dr. Fuller, Editor of the *Methodist Advocate*, and Rev. Mr. Powell, of the Georgia Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

1st QUESTION. *Who are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER. E. B. Clark, Edwin M. Lockwood, William P. Lowrey, Wm. A. Marshall, Wm. Bluford and Presley E. Johnson were recommended and received on trial.

Rev. Wm. Mitchell, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was received on examination into full connection as an Elder in the church.

The exhibit of the Book Concerns and several papers representing educational interests, were read and referred to their appropriate committees.

J. M. Mitchell was discontinued at his own request.

Prof. Longley, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was introduced to the Conference, and presented a memorial from the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which was read and placed on file.

On motion, the President was requested to appoint a committee of five to confer with a similar committee from the Church South.

The President announced as said committee, Dr. N. E. Cobleigh, F. M. Fanning, J. B. Little, J. A. Hyden and J. R. Eads.

Conference adjourned to meet Monday at 8½ A.M.

FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1869.

The morning devotions were conducted by Rev. R. H. Guthrie.

Journal read and approved.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

I hereby certify that J. N. Baker, J. M. Durham, H. H. Burke, J. H. McGriff, J. D. Brooks, Thomas Caton, Robert Morrison, W. Harrison, Isaac Wofford and Benjamin Bogart were ordained Deacons, and that T. S. Walker, J. P. Milburn, W. P. Jackson, Daniel Carter, T. J. Dawson, J. D. Lawson and Harrison Huston were ordained Elders by me in Jonesboro', Tennessee, October 10th, 1869.

Prof. Ralph Pierce, President of Holston College, was introduced to the Conference and presented a communication from the Trustees, delivering a short address in the interest of the College. Rev. Brother Stewart, of the Holston Conferenoe Methodist Episcopal Church South, was introduced to the Conference.

A paper was presented and read, representing the desire of the colored members of the Conference, asking for a separate work. Ordered to be placed on file.

The Rev. Dr. Wiley, Rev. Mr. Arbogast, Rev. Mr. Price, Mr. Ernest and E. C. Reeves, Esq., committee from the Holston Confereece, Church South, were presented by Dr. Cobleigh and introduced to the Conference.

Rev. E. Still was superannuated at his own request.

Rev. G. C. Andrews' relation continued.

Rev. Moses Seaton was re-admitted into the traveling connection.

Several reports were read and adopted.

After some amendments and the benediction by Rev. Dr. Wiley, of the Church South, Conference adjourned to meet at 2 P.M.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The religious services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Hyden.

The Journal of the morning session read and approved.

Rev. J. F. Spence presented a financial plan, which was adopted by the Conference.

Rev. Dr. Cobleigh, Chairman, presented and read Report of Conference Committee, in reference to church prperty, which was unanimously adopted.

Rev. R. W. Patty read Report of Conference Stewards and distributed the dividends of claimants.

Several Reports were read and adopted.

Confecence adjourned to meet at night.

FOURTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference went into session at 9 P.M.

Journal read and approved.

On motion, the President was requested to appoint a Sunday School Agent.

Rev. D. B. Lawton, an Elder, was transferred from the Genessee Conference. Rev. T. J. Woodhead was transferred from the Wisconsin Conference.

Rev. J. N. Baker, S. F. Woodfin and R. W. Patty were granted a supernumerary relation at their own request.

The President announced the Committees of Examination.

On motion, the Secretary and Stationed Preacher at Knoxville were appointed a committee on the publication of Conference Minutes.

The Chairman of the Missionary Committee read the report, which was adopted.

After some appropriate and touching remarks by the President, the appointments were read and Conference adjourned.

M. SIMPSON, *President.*

JNO. F. SPENCE, *Secretary.*

Standing Committees.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

First Year—J. W. Mann, B. F. Wells, S. W. Hyden.
Second Year—J. N. S. Huffaker, R. D. Black, W. R. Long.
Third Year—J. L. Mann, R. O. Ayres, J. B. Little.

Fourth Year—N. E. Cobleigh, J. R. Eads, Geo. W. Coleman.

To examine candidates for admission on trial, and for Local Deacon's and Elder's Orders—The Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon—J. J. Manker. Alternate, J. F. Woodfin.

Conference Stewards—Patty, Burkett, Burke, Nichols, Still.

Statistics—J. J. Manker.

Mission —Presiding Elders.

Financial Plan for the Holston Conference.

PRESENTED BY J. F. SPENCE.

1. It shall be the duty of the last Quarterly Conference of each year to fix the time and place of holding the financial meeting for the next ensuing year, to which the Estimating Committee shall present their estimate for the pastor's support. The meeting shall be composed of the preacher or preachers of the charge, the Stewards leaders and Estimating Committee. The meeting shall then apportion the amount to the several classes, according to their numbers and financial ability, or, where it is preferred, provide for the circulation of subscription lists.

2. Where the amount estimated by the Committee shall be provided for by apportionment, the Stewards shall ask each member to accept such apportionment, or a modification of it if necessary, to be paid in four equal quarterly installments before or at each Quarterly Conference. Such apportionment and accepted sum shall be entered upon a suitable book and collected promptly by the Stewards and Class-leaders.

3. We earnestly urge our Stewards to use such diligence that no arrearages shall be carried from one quarter to another, thereby burdening the close of the year with embarassing deficiencies. As sons of Wesley, we should do this, as everything else, "at the time."

4. In the judgment of the Conference, the obligation to pay the preacher's salary in full is as binding upon the congregation and its individual members, as the payment of promissory notes in banks, and should be met as promptly.

5. The Presiding Elders shall present this plan at their first Quarterly Conference, and shall cause it to be read to the congregations of the first quarterly meetings, and on circuits the Stewards shall cause it to be read as soon thereafter as possible in every congregation.

6. The Estimating Committee shall consult with the preachers as to the amount necessary for their support, and the Presiding Elder shall inquire, at the first Quarterly Conference, before putting the estimate of the Committee on its passage, if such consultation has been had.

7. We earnestly recommend to ministers and members to take up the Conference collections as early in the year as practicable, so as, if possible, to prevent the crowding of all the collections, with the deficiencies, into the last quarter.

Conference Resolutions.

Resolved, That, as a Conference, we are highly gratified at the able, prudent and satisfactory manner in which the *Methodist Advocate*, published at Atlanta, Georgia, has been conducted since its establishment.

Resolved, That we cheerfully adopt it as the official organ of the Conference; and will use our best exertions to give it an extensive circulation among the people of our charges.

Resolved, That we are glad to welcome among us Rev. Dr. Fuller, the able and courteous editor, and request him to address the Conference at some convenient time during the session on the subject of his work.

Resolved, That a collection be taken up in each charge some time during the first quarter for the Tract Society of our Church.

Resolved, That inasmuch as we believe the use of tobacco is an evil, we will give the subject in its various forms our earnest attention, and press the same upon the minds of our people, with the view if not entirely reforming the old in the practice, at least to influence the young against the pernicious habit of the noxious weed.

Resolved, That this Conference return their sincere thanks to the presiding Bishop, Rev. M. Simpson, D.D., for the able and satisfactory manner in which he has presided during the sitting of this Conference.

Resolved. That the thanks of the Conference be hereby tendered to the citizens of Jonesboro' for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members of this body.

Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the several railroad companies for passing the members and friends of this Conference at half-fare over their respective roads.

Resolved, That Rev. L. F. Drake and Rev. John S. Petty have our thanks for the prompt, active and satisfactory manner in providing homes and entertainment for the several members of this Conference.

Resolved. That we return with gratitude our thanks to the several pastors and members of the sister churches in Jonesboro' for their courtesy in opening their houses of worship for divine service during the setting of Conference.

Resolved, That the preachers in charge of stations or circuits be and are hereby instructed to prepare teeir reports in full as required by the Discipline, and hand them to the respective committees on the 1st day of the next session of the Conference; and that the Presiding Elders are requested to give their personal attention to the matter, urging promptness upon the ministers of their districts in being prepared as above instructed.

Reports of Committees.

JONESBORO', October 13, 1869.

I hereby certify that the following reports were adopted by the Holston Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session in 1869.

JNO. F. SPENCE,
Secretary of Holston Annual Conference.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

It would be altogether unnecessary for this committee to say anything on the importance of education. But it would not, perhaps, be out of place to add that there is one point to which the attention of this Conference should be especially called. That is the danger of assuming the control of too many literary institutions. The united efforts of this Conference concentrated on a few schools would, in the end, do more for the Church and promote more effectually the interests of general education than any other plan that could be adopted. Your Committee are of the opinion that this Conference should take immediate steps to relieve our institutions from financial difficulties, by putting as many as possible on a self-supporting basis.

Your committee think this a practical view of the situation, and accordingly suggest the propriety of pursuing such a course.

HOLSTON COLLEGE.
LOCATED AT NEW MARKET.

This institution was founded by the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1828, and is, therefore, the oldest literary institution founded by our Church west of the Alleghanies. For several years it was the only institution under the control of the Conference. During the first eight or ten years of its history it did much to advance the cause of education in East Tennessee and the neighboring States. But, like most of our literary institutions, Holston College has had its successes and its reverses. At present, we are happy to learn that the College is growing in favor and usefulness, under the efficient administration of Rev. Ralph Pierce, its President. The College is free from debt. The property is worth some five thousand dollars.

The Trustees respectfully request this Conference to exercise its fostering care and continued watchfulness over the interests of Holston College.

Resolved, That the following persons be appointed a Committee of Examination, to-wit: Rev. Jno. F. Spence, Rev. A. G. Watkins, Henderson Presnell, Hon. James M. Meek and Dr. Rodifer.

Resolved, That the following named persons be appointed a Visiting Committee, to-wit: Rev. J. D. Lawson, Rev. J. J. Manker, Rev. J. N. S. Huffaker, W. H. Rogers, Dr. R. Sneed, L. D. Dick and Gen. Dewey.

Resolved, That this Conference grant the request of the Board of Trustees, and recommend its restoration to its former relations to the Conference.

Resolved, That we confirm the appointment of the following named persons, to-wit: Jesse H. Griffes and Henry E. Daniel, to fill vacancies in the Board of Trusstees.

JONESBORO' FEMALE COLLEGE.
LOCATED AT JONESBORO', TENN.

Your Committee report the following plain statement of facts: At our last annual session this body appointed three of its members, to-wit: Jno. F. Spence, W. H. Rogers and L. F. Drake, to visit this place and purchase the interest of Henderson Presnell in said institution. In the Spring of '69 said Committee purchased of Henderson Presnell, on the following terms, to-wit: the amount of purchase money, together with improvements on said property to be paid in two installments, the first on September 1, 1869, the second on April 1, 1870. The followidg tabular statement will show the amount of money to be raised:

Original purchase,	$2,000
Repairs on Building, Furnishing the Rooms and Interest,	500
Amount Paid,	200
Due Henderson Presnel,	22,094

In the judgment of this Committee, immediate action in the premises should be taken.

Resolved, That the presiding Bishop appoint as special agent Rev. W. Mitchell, to raise funds to liquidate the debt on said property.

EAST TENNESSEE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY. LOCATED AT ATHENS.

Your Committee are happy to learn that this young and growing institution is constantly increasing in influence and usefulness. The number of students in attendance during the last scholastic year was one hundred and twenty-five. The present scholastic year commenced September 2d. There are now in attendance about one hundred students, and the prospect for an increase is favorable, as quite a number of the students who were in attendance last year are detained in their respective neighborhoods as teachers in the public schools. Your Committee are gratified, also, to learn that since the opening of the present term the College has been favored with a gracious revival, in which quite a number of the students were happily converted to God. The College has been in successful operation three years and now has the regular college classes fully organized. At the close of the present scholastic year several will be graduated.

The Treasurer makes the following report;

Real Estate, Buildings, College Library, Apparatus and other appurtenances,	$25,000
Indebtedness,	2,000
Available Subscription,	600
Leaving a Debt yet unpaid of	1,400

Your Committee, in view of the fact that our literary institutions are more or less embarassed, financially, would recommend that steps be taken at once to control but few institutions, and make these few self-supporting if possible. Therefore,

Resolved, That we request the presiding Bishop to appoint an agent for our literary institutions for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That we most affectionately request and urge upon all the ministers of the Conference, upon reaching their respective charges, to present the claims of the East Tennessee Wesleyan University to the consideration of our people; and that they each raise as much as ten dollars to the charge, upon the average, if possible, and forward the same to James H. Hornsby, Treasurer, Athens, McMinn county, Tennessee; and that they each endeavor to send at least one additional student to our University.

Resolved, That the following persons, nominated by the Board of Trustees of East Tennessee Wesleyan University to fill vacancies in said Board, viz: Dr. N. E. Cobleigh, William Rule, Hon. William Bosson, M. L. Phillips, James H. Hornsby and M. A. Helm, be and are hereby elected as Trustees of said Board for the next three years.

Resolved, That the following named persons be appointed a Board of Visitors to the East Tennessee Wesleyan University, to-wit: Rev. R. W. Patty, Rev. T. H. Russell, Rev. Dr. Thos. H. Pearne, Rev. H. W. Carter, Rev. M. H. Nichols, Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald, A. C. E. Callen, Esq., P. M. Reeves, Esq, Rev. W. H. Wolfe, Rev. J. R. Eads, Rev. E. Q. Fuller, D.D., Dr. W. Mitchell, prof. Henderson Presnell, Hon. N. A. Patterson and Hon. T. H. Coldwell.

HENDERSON PRESNELL, *Secretary.*

HOLSTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY. CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—*Name.* This Association shall be called the Education Society of the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE 2.—*Object.* The object of this Society shall be, 1st. To assist in the education of indigent young men who are called to the work of the Ministry. 2nd. To aid in the education of the children of traveling Ministers, members of this Conference, who cannot otherwise obtain the necessary means of education.

ARTICLE 3.—*Officers.* The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and five Directors of whom three shall be laymen. These shall constitute a Board of Managers and shall be elected annually, and shall hold office one year, and till their successors are duly elected and qualified.

ARTICLE 4.—*Section* 1. *Duty of Officers* —The duties of officers shall be similar to those pertaining to like offices in other organizations, so far as it is necessary to carry out the objects of the society.

Section 2.—The Board of Managers shall have power to make their own By-Laws subject to the approval of the Society, and they shall select and decide who shall be beneficiaries and the extent to which each beneficiary shall be annually assisted.

ARTICLE 5.—*Members.* Any person may be a member of this Society by the annual payment of one dollar, into the Treasury. Twenty dollars paid at one time shall constitute the person paying it, or the one for whom it is paid, a life member. Members only shall have the right of voting and holding office in the Society.

ARTICLE 6.—*Donors.* Any person or persons making donations to this Society shall have the privilege of designating the person, or persons, for whose benefit said donation shall be applied.

ARTICLE 7.—*Annual Meetings.* The Society shall ho'd a meeting annually at the session of the Conference, on the second afternoon of the session for the election of officers, due notice of the same having been given and shall hold a public anniverary on some night during the session, for which the Managers shall make the necessary arrangements.

ARTICLE 8.—*Amendments and Alterations.* This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Society by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, and voting, provided said amendment, or alteration shall have been recommended by the Board of Managers at one of their previous regular meetings.

OFFICERS.—President, N. E. Cobleigh, D. D.,; Vice President, J. W. Mann; Secretary, J. J. Manker; Treasurer, J. A. Ruble; Corresponding Secretary, J. J. Manker.

DIRECTORS.—L. F. Drake. J. S. Petty, Wilhoit, J. A. Hornsby, E. A. Atlee.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee are awake to the fearful ravages intemperance has made upon the country for the last few years in the use of intoxicating liquors. This, however, is no new subject for our consideration. From the time that Noah awoke from his wine, we trace its ravages from one generation to another through the Patriarchial, Jewish and Christian dispensations, down to the present time. In the vow of the Nazarite, he was not only forbid the use of wine, but of the grape, even from the kernel to the husks, and we think it very fair to presume that it was the use of wine that corrupted the priesthood in the house of Eli, for from the death of Hophni, and Phineas its use is forbidden by the priests. In the days of Solomon its effects must have been alarming. He cautions them "*look* not upon the wine when it sparkles in the bowl." Again, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise, it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." God, by the mouth of the Prophet Habbakuk, pronounced a woe upon him who "puttest a bottle to his neighbor and makest him drunken." The Apostles class drunkeness with adultery and every other crime in the dark catalogue. It does seem to us that our only remedy is moral suasion, as its use now is legalized by every State in the Union, so far as we are advised. This must, as a matter of course, begin with the ministry. This has been a part of the Methodist Creed from our organization. Our ministry commenced a war upon intemperance in this country over fifty years ago, and other denominations followed our example. Has not the enemies of temperance the *inns* upon us now? There is scarcely a town or village in all our country but have one or more tippling houses, and it does not stop here, many prominent places upon the great thoroughfares are cursed with these drinking houses. As long as the use and

sale of ardent spirits is legalized, it will claim respectability; hence the first and most important step to be taken by every lover of temperance is, to frown upon the use and sale of it, as a beverage, impress the rising generation with the danger of the use of anything as a beverage that will intoxicate. We would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution by this Conference:

Resolved, That in view of the fearful and rapid strides intemperance is making in every part of our country, that each member of this Conference be requested to preach a sermon, or deliver a lecture, at all his appointments, whenever he may think it practicable, against the use, as a beverage, of anything that will intoxicate, giving notice thereof of at least one week of the time and place of such discourse.

Softly! Pardon us brethren if we recommend the adoption of some measures by this Conference to *check* and *put down* one other species of intemperance which has fast hold upon many of the members of this Conference—that filthy, indecent and unnatural use of tobacco; and let all decent men respond *amen!*

SPENCER HENRY, *Chairman.*

CHURCH EXTENSION.

No doubt can be entertained by those who have examined the various reports of the Church Extension Society of its great importance and efficiency, in connection with the advancement and stability of our Church. It has succeeeed beyond the most sanguine expectations of its friends. Many destitute neighborhoods have already been supplied through its efficiency with comfortable houses in which to worship God; carrying forward vigorously and gloriously the great mission which seemed above all others to fill the blessed Savior's mind and heart, viz: "that the poor have the Gospel preached to them," and while of all other sections of our common country we of the South *must* see the great necessity and incalculable value of this institution, as an auxilliary to the successful spread of the Gospel in our midst, we certainly have not given it that attention which the subject demands. Few and meagre have been the collections that have been made during the past year. This seems to have grown partly out of a misunderstanding as to its vital importance in connection with our Southern work compared with other benevolent contributions. After carefully considering this subject, we are forced to the conclusion that no collection (unless it be the missionary,) should be more earnestly solicited than that in support of the Church Extension Society. We would, therefore, most earnestly urge upon the members of the Conference the importance of carrying out strictly the provisions of our Discipline as set forth in page 250.

Resolved, That we will give the Church Extension Society our most hearty and earnest support, and hat we will most earnestly solicit contributions to this *sacred fund.*

We would recommend the following persons as a board of officers for the ensuing year: for President, Rev. J. F. Spence; Vice President, S. P. Angel, Esq.; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. R. Eads; Recording Secretary, Wm. Rule, Esq.; Treasurer, Rev. J. J. Manker. Board of Managers, J. Madison Carter, Rev. Thomas H. Russell, Rev. John W. Mann.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Appropriations, by donation or loan, are made upon application by or in behalf of the Trustees of the Church seeking aid. The application should be upon blank forms furnished by the Parent Board, and *must contain the information therein provided for. Appropriations are made only by the concurrent action of both the Conference and Parent Boards, and nothing less than this constitutes an obligation against the Society.*

In Each Conference, The Conference Board of Church Extension.—This "has charge of all the interests and work of Church Extension within the bounds of the Conference," It should see that the amount asked of the Conference is distributed for collection among the several Districts and Pastoral Charges, and carefully examine and determine upon all applications for aid from within the Conference recommending appropriations, only within the limits fixed by the General Committee.

GEO. W. COLEMAN, *Chairman.*

MEMOIRS.

The Committee on Memoirs beg leave to report that they have ascertained that but one member of this body has fallen by the hand of death during the past Conference year, and that that member was the venerable James Cumming, and that is a name that will be long remembered, especially by the Methodists within the bounds of this Conference. He, for a long series of years, went in and out among us a citizen of high repute, as a man of devout piety, and as an able and laborious minister of the gospel. He loved the cause of Methodism and heartily subscribed to the doctrines, economy and usages of that branch of the Church of Christ, with which he identified himself, and ably, by his pen and otherwise, defended the peculiarities of that Church. He now, after a long life of toil and suffering, rests from his labors. He died in the full triumph of faith. His life was devoted to the ministry of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. A man of deep and earnest piety—always devoted to God—working among men as such, his life and example is worthy our imitation.

Your Committee regret that they have not access at present to the sources of information by which they might be prepared to give a more extended notice of the life and labors of one to whose memory it is so justly due.

W. C. GRAVES, *Chairman.*

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

The Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society report the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That we acknowledge the providence of God in liberating all the slaves in the United States, and now, in the sentiment of the Declaration of Independence, they have life and liberty to go in the pursuit and enjoyment of, the same as other people of this great country.

Resolved, 2d, That love for God's cause, sympathy for the ignorant and down-trodden, a desire for the peace and prosperity of the country, demand our continued and increased efforts, both for the religious instruction and education of these freedmen.

Resolved, 3d, That in view of the changes, excitements and prejudices of this section, with our various other duties, we have fallen short of our whole duty to the freedmen scattered over the bounds of our Conference.

Resolved, 4th, That we recommend the Freedmen's Aid Society of our Church, and funds for the same sent, at any time, to our Chairman, will be accounted for to the Society.

J. B. LITLLE, *Chairman.*

CHURCH PROPERTY.

The committee appointed by the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to meet and confer with a committee of the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, on the subject contained in their memorial to this Conference, and to whom said memorial was referred, have attended to their duty as best they could under the circumstances, and submit the following as their report:

Our interview with that committee was very pleasant, and, so far as the spirit manifested is concerned, was to us perfectly satisfactory. They were frank and clear in all their statements in regard to the subject before us. We endeavored to meet them in the same Christian spirit of frankness, courtesy and kindness.

The main object of your committee in the interview was to ascertain, as definitely as possible, precisely what they wanted, and their views as to the best manner in which the whole subject pending could be satisfactorily adjusted.

The following is their own statement of their views, in regard to which they express the belief that they properly represent the views of their Conference:

1. That the Methodist Episcopal Church South is entitled to all the property acquired by the plan of separation adopted by the General Conference of 1844, as well as to all property acquired by our church since the separation, except such as may have passed out of our hands by due process of law.

2. That all such property should be restored to our church immediately.

3. That, if the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church have, by paying debts or otherwise, acquired a just lien on any property of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, they are entitled to have such lien properly satisfied.

4. That, in case of restoration of property, it will be highly proper for our ministers and members to exercise toward the ministers and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church courtesy and magnanimity.

5. That where a majority of those who may have contributed to the acquisition of church property may have adhered to the Methodist Episcopal Church, it might seem hard to eject them from such poperty, and it would, therefore, be right that our congregations should, in such cases, make such concessions and compromises as may alleviate the cases, as far as possible, without the surrender of vested rights.

Before making our reply and recommendation in reference to the whole subject thus presented, a preliminary question seems to require a little consideration at this time and in this report. This question has reference to the grounds on which the members of our church justify themselves, both in originally possessing and afterwards holding the property in

dispute. The necessity of this consideration arises from the fact that unjust charges are frequently made in the newspapers, public addresses, and very often in private conversation, against us as "church thieves" and "robbers of churches." These things are very unpleasant to us and damaging to the cause of God and our reputation, in places where the facts in the case are not fully understood.

These charges were not made nor insinuated by the committee of the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Their language to us was far above such insinuations and charges, indicating that, in their view of the case, such charges could not, in any sense of propriety, be made against our church, except in the application of principles which, in other sections of the the country, would make the Church South equally guilty of precisely the same crimes. There is ground on which both parties can stand and do stand without involving a particle of the guilt of theft or robbery.

We are satisfied that wherever members of our Church have possessed themselves of property claimed by the Church South, they have done so on the ground of honest and settled belief that, before God and men, they had a just right to do so, either in equity or in law.

This subject as related to civil and ecclesiastical law is of such a nature, so complicate and involved, that we find many lawyers of acknowledged ability who entertain on the subject the same beliefs as our people do, and when consulted give corresponding legal opinion. We cannot, therefore, reasonably expect that our people will be clearer headed or wiser in their judgment on this subject than such devoted students of the law. Acting honestly, therefore, under these beliefs and under legal advice, they cannot, in any just sense, be either *thieves* or *robbers.*

We are willing and do cheerfully accord the same honesty of belief and intention to members of the Church South wherever they have done similar things as it regards property which they occupy, claimed by the Methodist Episcopal Church as rightfully vested in it.

In coming to the subject as now presented for our consideration and action, we earnestly desire, in the spirit of Christ, so to act and so to recommend action on the part of others that peace may speedily ensue throughout our entire work, and that all unsettled questions of property in dispute between us may be so amicably and satisfactorily adjusted that brotherly love and a fraternal spirit may both exist and abound between these two branches of Methodism, and that, if God so will it, organic union may soon succeed to this oneness of spirit.

The propositions of our brethren of the Church South, contemplate the settlement of questions occurring only within the bounds of the Holston Conference. Our first convictions were that our report should have reference to these questions only, but the more we considered the subject that our Methodism is one, and that the settlement of the questions here should be upon the same principle as similar questions elsewhere, and when we take into account the fact that more church property claimed by the Methodist Episcopal Church is in the possession of the Church South, in the States of Virginia and Maryland than they claim that we occupy of theirs within the bounds of the Holston Conference, we thought that it would be better and wiser, and we trust quite as acceptable to our brethren on the other committee, to base our action and recommendation on some general principle which might be adopted throughout the Church in every case where similar difficulties have arisen or may arise, in the final settlement of the right to church property.

And we hereby declare our entire willingness to settle, so far as we have power, all the questions within the bound of the Holston Conference, on the same basis which our brethren of the Church South will agree to in Virginia and Maryland where churches claimed by us are occupied by theChurch South. This we have no reason to doubt will meet the views of our brethren of the Church South, who as well as we, will rejoice to observe the golden rule: "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

The plan of settlement which your committee recommend is this:

Inasmuch as pacific and fraternal measures were recommended by our last General Conference, and a board of commissioners having been appointed to treat with a like board which we expect will be appointed by the Methodist Episcopal Church South at its approaching General Conference, in reference to a prospective union of the two churches—and as the satisfactory settlement of these property questions is necessarily involved and must be effected prior to any union—and as the response of the Bishops of the Church South to the fraternal letter of our Bishops officially informing them of the action and desire of our General Conference, breathes a kind andChristian spirit, and indicates the same strong desire on their part to have the existing difficulties properly adjusted so that there may be peace between us, and as we do not wish, in any manner to increase the difficulties in the way of their prospectiveaction, your committee, therefore, recommend the reference of this whole question for a uniform plan of adjustment to that joint board of commissioners of the two churches, and that the Conference nowpledge itself, so far as it may be concerned and has power and influence, to abide by and conform to any plan or principle which that joint commission shall agree to recommend to both churches, and that as members of this Conference, we will use our influence to induce all our people to carry out the same plan in the adjustment of our difficulties which may remain unsettled.

In the meantime, we earnestly recommend to the members of our church holding property claimed by the Church South, to endeavor amicably to adjust all existing disagreements, so far as in their power, upon the highest principles of equity and Christian charity. And we earnestly hope that our brethren, in any attempt at adjustment, will treat with the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in the true spirit of Christian courtesy and magnanimity.

N. E. Cobleigh,
F. M. Farming,
J. B. Little,
J. A. Hyden,
J. R. Eads.
} *Committee.*

Steward's Report.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS' NAMES.	SALARIES.			CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.
		CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICIENT.	
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.	*J. F. Spence, P. E.*,	$1,000 00	$950 00	$50 00	
Knoxville Station,	J. W. Mann,	1,561 60	1,494 00	67 00	
Knoxville, 2d charge,	J. C. Tate,		90 00		
East & North Knoxville,	J. P. Milburn,	600 00	300 00	300 00	
Knox Circuit,	T. J. Russell,	800 00	480 00	320 00	$5 00
Jacksboro',	R. O. Ayres,	450 00	260 00	190 00	10 00
Olinton,	P. H. Reed,	480 00	205 00	275 00	
Maynardville,	G. W. Coleman,	628 07	432 00	196 07	20 00
Little River,	W. P. Jackson,	400 00	385 00	15 00	25 00
Sevierville,	J. D. Lawson,	400 00	400 00		30 00
Dandridge & N. Market,	A. G. Watkins,	500 00	500 00		
Strawberry Plains,	D. Carter,	225 00	175 00	50 00	12 00
Anderson,	R. Wallace,		50 00		
Agent,	W. H. Rogers,	1,100 00	1,100 00		
MORRISTOWN DISTRICT,	*W. C. Graves, P. E.*,	700 00	700 00		
Morristown Circuit,	R. W. Patty,	600 00	220 00	380 00	
Morristown,	T. R. Clark,	160 00	160 00		
Mossy Creek,	A. J. Greer,	400 00	287 20	112 80	
Parrottsville,	T. R. West,	260 00	82 00	178 00	
Newport,	J. M. Mitchell,	350 00	50 00	3 0 00	
Rogersville,	Wm. Kinsland,	350 00	200 00	150 00	
Sneedville,	E. B. Clark,	400 00	225 00	175 00	
Tazewell & Powel's Valley	J. H McGriff,	400 00	186 20	213 80	
Speedwell,	J. B. Little,	300 00	75 00	225 00	5 00
Rutledge,	J. L. Cardwell,	400 00	196 60	203 40	
Holston,	C. K. Mays,	300 00	150 00	150 00	
Clairbourne,	P. Roberts,	150 00	100 00	50 00	
Jefferson,	J. Gudger,	150 00	75 00	75 00	
Clifton,	T. DeWitt,	150 00	75 00	75 00	
Warensburg,	Isaac Wofford,	150 00	100 00	50 00	
Warensburg,	J. Kelley,				
Hawkins,	S. Patterson,	150 00	100 00	50 00	
JONESBORO' DISTRICT.	*L. F. Drake, P. E.*,	1,251 14	811 14	440 00	
Jonesboro' Station,	J. S. Petty,	600 00	520 00	80 00	5 35
Jonesboro' Circuit,	T. S. Walker,	600 00	390 00	300 00	2 75
Blountville and Bristol,					
Taylorsville,	J. Mahoney,	400 00	317 00	83 00	2 25
Elizabethton,	B. F. Wells,	500 00	220 00	280 00	
Fall Branch,	J. N. Baker,	400 00	150 00	250 00	10 90
Kingsport,	M. Seaton,	400 00	294 56	105 44	
Rheatown,	J. R. Hughes,	500 00	430 32	69 68	5 00
Greeneville,	J. N. S. Huffaker,	546 00	546 00		3 10
Greeneville Circuit,	J. Milburn,	500 00	178 40		
Greeneville,	J. B. Fitzgerald,				
St. Clair,	Isaac Fortner,	350 00	225 00	125 00	4 00
Carter's Valley,	G. W. Carden,	300 00	75 00	225 00	1 30
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT,	*F. M. Fanning, P. E.*,	1,300 00	600 00	700 00	
Asheville Circuit,	L. Bogart,	300 00	182 60	117 40	
Burnsville,	W. Harkins,	200 00	95 00	105 00	
Catawba,					
Henderson,	J. F. Woodfin,	500 00	350 00	150 00	
Transylvania,					
Sulphur Springs,	J. G. Trull,				
Waynesville,	M. H. Nichols,	370 00	300 00	70 00	
Webster and Franklin,	Isaac N. Knox,	300 00	223 20	76 80	1 00
Fort Emory and Murphy,	J. A. Matheson,				25

CHARGES.	PREACHERS' NAMES.	SALARIES.			CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.
		CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICIENT.	
ATHENS DISTRICT,	*J. A. Hyden, P. E.*,	$700 00	$683 00	$17 00	
Athens Station,	J. J. Manker,	750 00	550 00	200 00	$15 00
Athens Circuit,	J. N. Moore,	800 00	509 00	291 00	2 00
Decatur,	J. W. Dodson,				
Philadelphia,	J. N. Stamper,	700 00	181 60	218 40	10 00
Philadelphia,	R. M. Witt,	300 00	77 80	22 20	
Loudon,	H. H. Burke,	500 00	300 00	200 00	
Kingston,	S. Henry,	400 00	167 70	232 30	
Kingston,	J. M. Durham,	225 00	100 00	125 00	
Madisonville,	Wm. R. Long,	500 00	213 18	286 82	
Telico,	T. A. Cass,				
Maryville and Louisville,	S. W. Hyden,	625 00	440 00	185 00	
Maryville and Louisville,	J. H. Jennings,				
Hiwassee,	J. Colwell,				
Huntsville,	H. Pile,				
Jamestown,	A. B. Wright,				
Montgomery,	J. Forrester,	590 40	280 48	309 92	3 50
Crossville,	J. Gillett,				
N. E. Cobleigh.					
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT,	*W. C. Daily, P. E.*,	950 00	821 52	128 48	
Chattanooga Station,	J. L. Mann,	1,000 00	810 00	190 00	15 00
Chattanooga, 2d charge,	H. Houston,				
Harrison, 1st charge,	Wm. A. Marshal,		127 00		
Harrison, 2d charge.	A. Lewis,				
Charleston,	P. L. Chambers,	250 00	96 00	154 00	1 50
Cleveland,	J. A. Ruble,	980 00	650 00	330 00	
Benton,	E. Still,	250 00	111 25	230 75	
Ducktown,	T. W. Brown,	500 00	440 65	59 35	
Hamilton,	J. W. Peace,				
Pikeville,	S. Greer,	400 00	208 00	191 80	2 00
Spencer,					
Jasper,	G. Julian,	373 60	218 10	153 50	
Tracy,	D. Tade,				
Sequatchie,	J. Bluford,				

Missionary Report.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

Knoxville Station,	Rev. J. W. Mann,	$125	50
East and North Knoxville,	" D. Hocket,	4	00
Knox Circuit,	" T. H. Russell,	31	78
Strawberry Plains Circuit,	" D. Carter,	12	00
Little River Circuit,	" W. P Jackson,	90	00
Clinton Circuit,	" P. W. Reed,	17	00
Sevireville Cicuit,	" J. D. Lawson,	2	00
Marryville Circuit,	" Geo. W. Coleman,	100	00
Jacksborough Circuit,	" R. O. Ayres,	25	00
	Total,	$407	28

ATHENS DISTRICT.

Jamestown Circuit,	Rev. A. B. Wright,	$12	00
Maryville Circuit,	" S. W. Hyden,	40	00
Athens Station,	" J. J. Manker,	110	00
Montgomery Circuit,	" John Forrester,	12	50
Loudon Circuit,	" W. H. Burke,	16	10
Huntsville Mission,	" H. Pyle,	3	00
Philadelphia Circuit,	" J. N. Stamper,	10	00
Athens Circuit,	" J. N. Moore,	10	00
Kingston Circuit,	" S. Henry,	15	00
	Total,	$226	60

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

Ashville Circuit,	Rev. L. Bogart,	$21	45
Webster and Franklin Circuit,	" J. W. Knox,	2	00
Waynesville Circuit,	" M. H. Nichols,	48	00
Catawba Circuit,	" T. J. Dawson,	2	25
Hendersonville Circuit,	" J. F. Woodfin,	32	00
Murphy and Fort Emory Circuit,	" J. A. Matheson,		75
Sulphur Springs Circuit,	" J. S. Trull,	10	50
Transylvania Circuit,	" J. Jones,	3	25
F. M. Faning,			55
	Total,	$120	75

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

Harrison Circuit,	Rev. W. A. Henderson,	$10	00
Benton Circuit,	" Elijah Still,	12	80
Ducktown Station,	" T. W. Brown,	47	80
Pikeville Circuit,	" S. Greer,	27	00
Cleveland Station,	" J. A. Ruble,	50	00
Sequatchie Circuit,	" J. Bluford,	1	50
Chattanooga Station,	" J. L. Mann,	53	50
Chattanooga, 2nd Charge,	" H. Huston,	10	77
Jasper Circuit,	" Geo. Julian,	16	00
Harrison, 2nd Charge,	" A. Lewis,	5	00
Charleston Circuit,	" P. L. Chambers,	6	00
Hamilton Circuit,	" G. W. Peace,	1	50
Tracy City,	" S. W. Tade,	1	25
	Total,	$243	12

JONESBOROUGH DISTRICT.

Jonesborough Station,	Rev.	J. S. Petty,	$25 00
Jonesborough Circuit,	"	T. S. Walker,	12 25
Kingsport Circuit,	"	M. Seaton,	20 00
Fall Branch Circuit,	"	J. H. Baker,	30 00
Rheatown Circuit,	"	J. R. Hughes,	74 55
Taylorsville Circuit,	"	John Mahony,	3 25
Carter's Valley Circuit,	"	G. W. Carden,	1 35
Greeneville Station,	"	J. N. S. Huffaker,	18 50
		Total,	$184 90

MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.

Speedwell Circuit,	Rev.	J. B. Little,	$16 50
Morristown Circuit,	"	W. C. Graves,	3 55
Sneedville Circuit,	"	W. C. Graves,	1 60
Parrottsville Circuit,	"	W. H. Harrison,	5 00
Newport Circuit,	"	W. C. Graves,	1 30
Warrensburg Circuit,	"	Isaac Wofford,	19 30
Holston Circuit,	"	C. K. Mays,	55
Claibourne Circuit,	"	Lewis Neil,	3 95
Tazewell and Powell's Valley,	"	J. H. McGriff,	20 00
Russellville,	"	P. Roberts,	5 40
		Total,	$77 15

RECAPITULATION.

Knoxville District,	$407 28
Athens District,	226 60
Chattanooga District,	243 12
Asheville District,	120 75
Jonnesborough District,	184 90
Morristown District,	77 15
Missionary Collection,	20 41
Grand Total,	$1,278 21
Increase over last year,	$338 25

STATISTICS OF THE HOLSTON CONFERENCE FOR 1868–'69.

CIRCUITS & STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		PROPERTY.				CONTRIBUTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Infants.	Churches.	Value.	Parsonage.	Value.	For Missions.	For Tracts.	For Bibles.	For Sunday Schools.	Church Extension.	For Conference Claimants.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes.
ATHENS DISTRICT.																				
Athens,	73	3	7	1	7		1	$3,000			$1 10	$5 00	$5 00	$5 00	$10 00	$15 00	1	18	110	275
Athens Circuit,	430	7	140	5	47	22	5	4,500			10 00					2 00	4	40	240	600
Huntsville Mission,	186		31	2	22	7	1	350			3 00						1	7	60	150
Jamestown Mission,	421	1	87		95	7					12 00						4	15	70	120
Kingston Circuit,	477	10		2	7	4	1	2,500			15 00						4	35	215	480
Loudon,	76	1	27		28	2					14 00						1	7	70	50
Madisonville & Tellico Cir't,	303	1	71	4	30	54	1	300									9	45	600	600
Maryville Circuit,	580	1	178	2	66	33	9	12,000			40 00						11	100	550	1,072
Montgomery "	217	4	87	4	4	16	2	600			12 00				3 00					
Crossville "	139																1	5	40	200
Philadelphia Circuit,	608	5	50	5	40	15	9	200			10 00					10 00				
Decatur "	205	1	31	3	20	38	6	1,410									4	25	235	580
Total,	3,715	33	709	28	361	198	35	$21,660			$226 00	$5 00	$5 00	$5 00	$13 00	$27 00	40	297	2,180	4,127
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT,																				
Jackson Circuit,	100		10																	
Catawba "	382	2	131	1	25	30	1	$200			22 00						4	32	100	270
Asheville "	355	3	43		26	11					1 00						7	41	270	769
Burnsville "	204	2	7	1	3	7											4	25	125	175
Hendersonville Circuit,	233		32								32 00									
Murphy and Fort Emory,	142	11	44	4	9	18	1	100			1 00						5			
Sulphur Springs Circuit,	226	3	9								10 00									
Transylvania "	61		24								3 00						4	10	120	120
Waynesville "	360	1	40	8	5	5	1	100			48 00									
Webster & Franklin Circuit,	147		63			7					2 00					$1 00	2	14	236	320
Total,	2,210	23	403	14	73	78	3	400			$120 40					$1 00	26	122	851	1,654

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	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Infants.	Churches.	Value.	Parsonage.	Value.	For Missions.	For Tracts.	For Bibles.	For SundaySchools.	Church Extension.	For Conference Claimants.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes.
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.																				
Chattanooga,	41						1	$2,000			$53 00					$15 00	1	7	60	200
Cleveland Circuit,	404	4	56	5	8	3	4	1,500			50 00						2	25	200	300
Benton "	355	2	27	5	28	21	5	1,200			12 00						5	47	255	480
Ducktown,	93		14	3		16					47 00						3	70	356	650
Harrison Circuit,	247	2	91	1	21	4	1	200			10 00						3	25	150	200
" 2nd Charge,	560			5			7	1,000			5 00						9	40	660	
Hamilton Circuit,	460		12	4																
Jasper "	313		51	2							16 00									
Chattanooga 2nd Charge,	165	5	20		18	15	1	1,100			10 00									
Sequatchie 2nd Charge,	361				20	8					1 00									
Charleston Circuit,	205		63																	
Pikeville "	267	1	56	4	20	8	5	2,000									2	10	75	100
																	7	40	482	800
Total,	3,471	14	390	29	115	70	24	$9,000			$207 00					$15 00	32	264	2,238	2,730
JONESBORO', DISTRICT.																				
Jonesboro',	41	1	7		2	5	1	$7,500			$25 00	$5 00	$1 00	$1 00	$1 00	$5 00	1	14	50	280
" Circuit,	292	2	58	4	20	1	5	2,000	1	$1,000	12 00					2 00	1	8	65	180
Greeneville,	90				2	5	1	3,500	1	500	18 00					3 00	1	18	60	200
" Circuit,	523		129	3	15	60	8	3,200	1	800							9	55	425	1,200
Elizabethton "	408	6	35	7	1	10	6	4,000									1	6	80	
Fall Branch "	511	10	143	6	34	22	7	3,000			30 00		1 00	4 00		8 00				
Kingsport "	245	1	24		1	23	2	1,500			20 00									
Rheatown "	692	4	293	4	103	65	8	4,000	1	700	75 00			2 00		5 00	7	88	455	1,200
St. Clair "	462		95								4 00									
Taylorsville "	350	5	75	2	3	1	1	300			3 00					3 00	7	14	127	100
Cartersville "	30		112		15	21	6	6,000												
Total,	3,644	29	971	26	196	213	45	$35,400	4	$3,000	$188 00	$5 00	$2 00	$7 00	$1 00	$27 00	27	198	1,262	3,080

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	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Infants.	Churches.	Value.	Parsonage.	Value.	For Missions.	For Tracts.	For Bibles.	For SundaySchools.	Church Extension.	For Conference Claimants.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes.
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.																				
Knoxville,	100	1	34	2		16	1	$35,000			$125 00						2	20	175	400
" Circuit,	529	6	112	2	40	15	7	4,000			30 00				6	$5 00	4	14	175	400
East and North Knoxville.	70		100														2	25	200	300
Anderson Circuit,	191		24	3	20		1	1,000									4			
Clinton "	440	5	15	8	13	2	2	600			17 00						5	25	230	30
Dandridge "	413	5	21		7	5											6		355	
Little River "	545	4	62	2	29	13	10	12,000			90 00				60 00		5	30	200	600
Sevierville "	830	5	124	8	41	40	12	1,200			2 00				2 00	3 00	10	75	450	1,000
Strawberry Plains Circuit,	390	6	55	7	20	21	5	4,500	1	300	12 00						6	30	240	350
Maynardville Circuit,	354	4	189	4	20	10	7	3,400	1	1,500	100 00				8 00	20 00	4	30	200	400
East and North Knoxville,	85	1	103														2	10	110	
Jacksboro', Circuit,	219	1	114	1	12	4	3	2,800	1	600	25 00					10 00	4	24	140	200
Total,	4,087	38	853	37	202	126	48	$64,500	3	2,400	$402 0				$76 00	$65 00	51	258	2,275	3,380
MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.																				
Morristown Circuit,	257		20	2							$8 00									
Rogersville "	206			3																
Parrottsville "	265	1	31	5	3	9					5 00									
Newport "	265		35	6							1 00									
Mossy Creek "	325		40	1																
Rutledge "	395	3	9	3	11		4	$2,000									5	44	230	265
Tazewell "	440	3	133	10	8	19	4	600			20 00									
Speedwell "	348		82	4	25	18	2	1,200			16 00					$5 00				
Sneedville "	339	4	73	8	5			450			1 00									
Holston "	108		8	1																
Claiborne "	26		18	2							4 00									
Russelville "	200		19	1							4 00									
Jefferson "	62		25																	
Clifton "	150		20																	
Warrensburg "	180		48	2							19 00									
Total,	3,571	11	553	55	52	46	16	$4,250			$76 00					$5 00	5	44	230	265
Aggregate.	20,69	148	3,889	182	999	731	171	$140,210	7	$5,400	$1221 10	$10 00	$7 0	$12 00	$91 00	$140 60	181	1,183	9,036	15,736

J. J. MANKER, *Chairman Committee*

Conference Appointments.

The following are the appointments made by the Conference at its session in Jonesboro', just closed:

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

J. F. SPENCE, P. E.; Knoxville, J. L. Mann; East and North Knoxville, G. W. Coleman; Knox, T. H. Russell; Jacksboro', R. O. Ayers; Clinton, P. H. Reed; Dandridge and New Market, A. G. Watkins; Strawberry Plains, W. P. Jackson; Little River, J. D. Lawson; Sevierville, D. Carter; Maynardville, D. B. Lawton; T. H. Pearne, Sunday School Agent, member of Knoxville Quarterly Conference.

MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.

W. C. GRAVES, P. E.; Morristown, J. N. S. Huffaker; Mossy Creek, T. R. West; Parrottsville, to be supplied; Newport, J. Mahoney; Rogersville, J. H. McGriff; Sneedville, A. B. Clark; Springfield, T. R. Clark; Carter's Valley, to be supplied; Tazewell, to be supplied; Speedwell and Clear Fork, J. B. Little; Rutledge, J. L. Cardwell, W. Kinsland.

JONESBORO' DISTRICT.

W. DAILY, P. E.; Jonesnesboro', J. R. Eades; Jonesboro', circuit, T. S. Walker; Blountville and Bristol, to be supplied: Taylorsville, E. M. Lockwood; Elizabethton, J. Milburn; Fall Branch, J. M. Durham; Kingsport, M. Seaton; Rheatown, J. R. Hughes, J. B. Fitzgerald; Greeneville, J. W. Mann; Greeneville circuit, J. P. Milburn; St. Clair, Isaac Forkner; W. Mitchell, Conference Mission Agent, of Jonesboro' Female College, member of Jonesboro' Quarterly Conference.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

F. M. FANNING, P. E.; Asheville, S. Bogart; Burnsville, to be supplied; Catawba, W. Harkins; Trannsylvania and Henderson, to be supplied; Sulphur Springs, J. G. Trull; Waynesville, B. F. Wells; Webster and Franklin, R. M. Witt; Fort Emory and Murphy, W. A. Marshall; Buncombe, to be supplied.

ATHENS DISTRICT.

L. F. DRAKE, P. E.; Athens J. S. Petty; Athens circuit, J.N. Moore; Decatur, W. P. Loury; Philadelphia, W. H. Rogers; Blue Springs, R. W. Patty; Madisonville, S. Henry; Clear Spring, W. R. Long; Kingston circuit, J. Forester; Maryville and Louisville, S. W. Hyden; Montgomery. A. B. Wright; Crossville, to be supplied; Jamestown and Huntsville, H. Pile; N. E. Cobleigh, President, and J. J. Manker, tutor in East Tennessee Wesleyan University, members of Athens Quarterly Conference.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

J. A. HYDEN, P. E.; Chattanooga, J. T. Woodhead; Harrison, T. V. Brown; Cleveland, J. A. Ruble; Cleveland and Charleston, G. Julian; Benton, J. H. Jennings; Ducktown, J. N. Stamper; Hamilton, J. W. Dodson; Jasper, S. Greear; Tracy City, P. E. Johnson, Pikeville, M. H. Nichols.

HIWASSEE DISTRICT.

H. HUSTON, P. E.; Chattanooga, 2nd charge, to be supplied; Harrison, 2nd charge, to be supplied; Sequatchie, W. Bluford; Washington, to be supplied.

TENNESSEE DISTRICT.

J. C. TATE, P. E.; Knoxville 2nd charge, to be supplied; Anderson circuit, R. Wallace; Maryville, 2nd charge to be supplied; Fincastle, to be supplied.

HOLSTON DISTRICT.

C. R. MAYES, P. E.; Holston to be supplied; Russellville, T. Dewitt; Jefferson, S. Patterson; Clifton, to be supplied; Warrensburg, to be supplied; Greene and Hawkins, Isaac Wofford; Nolachucky, J. Gudger; French Broad, to be supplied.

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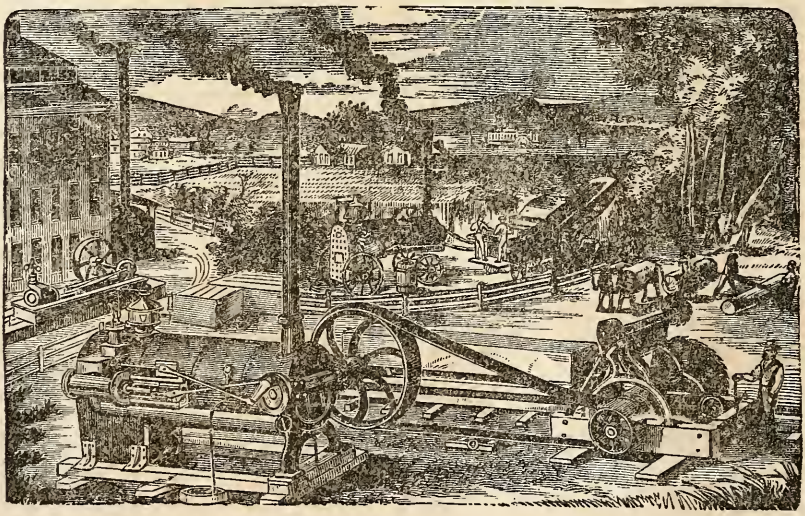

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